

WONG GOOK YING

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Mr. CASE, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 6938]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 6938) for the relief of Wong Gook Ying, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of this bill is to facilitate the admission into the United States of a minor Chinese child of a citizen of the United States.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Representative Poulson, the author of this bill, submitted the following letter and documents which contain the pertinent facts in this case.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, D. C., June 20, 1952.

Re 6938 for the relief of Wong Gook Ying.

HON. EMANUEL CELLER,
Chairman, Judiciary Committee,
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

DEAR COLLEAGUE: I am pleased to know that the subcommittee has acted favorably on my bill, H. R. 6938, and for the benefit of the full committee I am submitting a short summary of this case.

Wong Gook Ying is the minor daughter—aged 14½—of Mrs. Wong Mar Suey Gong, who was born in the United States and is an American citizen.

This girl is now living with a friend in Hong Kong.

In 1949 Mrs. Wong applied to the American consul in Hong Kong for a permit for the girl to come to this country and at that time she forwarded the necessary "affidavit of support" and other documents.

A letter from the American consul, dated December 24, 1951, states that she is chargeable to the Chinese racial quota which is heavily oversubscribed and all applicants must anticipate a protracted waiting period of an undeterminate number of years before quota numbers are likely to become available.

This girl did not acquire American citizenship at birth because her mother was an alien at the time of her birth in 1937.

I am sure this case justifies a private law and I shall appreciate favorable action by the committee.

Sincerely yours,

NORRIS POULSON, M. C.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF., January 28, 1952.

HON. SAMUEL W. YORTY,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR MR. YORTY: I received a copy of letter from the American consul general of Hong Kong forwarded to me from your office, and its contents are fully understood.

The consul's suggestion that my daughter, Wong Gook Ying, should be registered with his office in waiting for an opening in the Chinese racial quota seems to be the only avenue left for her to become a permanent residence of the United States short of an act of Congress. Since it will take years, if at all, before such opening becomes available, I am hoping that perhaps it will be possible to let her enter the country on a temporary basis while waiting for the said quota opening to become available.

With living standard at such a high level in overcrowded Hong Kong, and she living alone without any close relation in a boarding house at such an early age, it will both lessen my heavy financial and emotional burden if she is allowed to enter the country and live with me, even on a temporary basis.

Therefore, it is my sincere hope that you, honorable sir, offer whatever assistance in helping her in acquiring a visitor visa, or any other temporary visa, to enable her to await for an opening on the Chinese racial quota here in the United States.

Most anxiously waiting for your advice, I remain,

Respectfully yours

Mrs. WONG MAR SUEY GONG.

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,
Hong Kong, December 24, 1951.

HON. SAMUEL W. YORTY,
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR MR. YORTY: I received on December 10 your letter of November 2, 1951, regarding Wong Gook Ying, whose mother, Mrs. Wong Mar Suey Gong, wishes to bring her to the United States for permanent residence.

If Wong Gook Ying wishes to enter the United States as an immigrant for permanent residence she should register at this office. Since she is a Chinese person she is chargeable to the Chinese racial quota. Since this quota is heavily oversubscribed, all applicants, chargeable to it must anticipate a protracted waiting period of an indeterminate number of years before quota numbers are likely to become available.

Although Wong Gook Ying is the daughter of a United States citizen, the Department of State, which has been consulted regarding her status, has held that she did not acquire American citizenship at birth because her citizen parent, Mrs. Wong Mar Suey Gong, was an alien at the time of Wong Gook Ying's birth in 1937. She cannot therefore be accorded American passport facilities for her travel to the United States.

Sincerely yours,

WALTER P. MCCONAUGHY,
American Consul General.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF., *October 24, 1951.*

Re: Wong Gook Ying, aged 14 years, Hong Kong, China (daughter).

Hon. SAMUEL W. YORTY,
Congressman, Fourteenth District,
Washington, D. C.

DEAR MR. YORTY: I was born in the United States and am a citizen.

My minor daughter, Wong Gook Ying, now 14 years of age, is with a friend in Hong Kong, China.

Two years ago I applied to the American consul there to permit my daughter to come to the United States as a legal resident, for her permanent residence with me. I forwarded to the consul the necessary affidavit of support on behalf of my daughter, accompanied by various documents. I can get no response from him.

It will be greatly appreciated if you will be kind enough to assist me in this matter, as I am grieved because of the separation of my daughter from me, and want her to come here as soon as possible.

Your advice will be appreciated. Thanking you I am,

Respectfully yours,

Mrs. WONG MAR SUEY GONG.

Upon consideration of all the facts in this case, the committee is of the opinion that H. R. 6938 should be enacted and accordingly recommends that the bill do pass.

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